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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor	Patrik Denoth	
Appln. No.	10/789,365	
Filing Date	February 27, 2004	Group Art Unit: 3761
Title	Connecting Device for Percutaneously Implanted Port System	Examiner: Unknown

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.63)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my mailing address and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Connecting Device for Percutaneously Implanted Port System

the specification of which:

is attached hereto OR

was filed on February 27, 2004 as United States Application Number 10/789,365 or PCT International Application Number and amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? Yes	No
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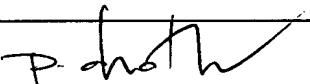
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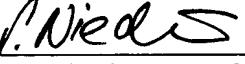
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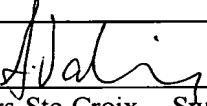
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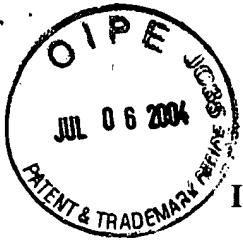
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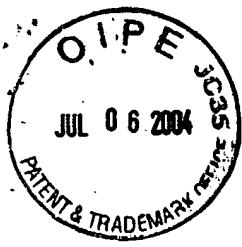
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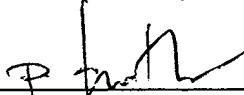
WHEREAS, I, Patrik Denoth, residing at Haldenstrasse 43, Aarwangen, Switzerland CH-4912, I Sandro Niederhäuser, residing at Thunstettenstrasse 1, Bleienbach, Switzerland CH-3368, and I, Astrid Valiquer, residing at Le Sansy 6, Villars-Ste-Croix VD, Switzerland CH-1029, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled **Connecting Device for Percutaneously Implanted Port System** for Letters Patent of the United States, the application having been executed on even date herewith and/or being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10/789,365 filed February 27, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Disetronic Licensing AG, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland and having offices at Kirchbergstrasse 190, Burgdorf Switzerland CH-3401 ("Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

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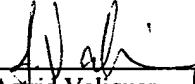
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